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(U) CALIFORNIA**(U) Los Angeles – Killer Who Committed Massacre Near UC Santa Barbara was Alt-Right Member**

(U) Elliot Rodger, the 22-year-old who killed six students near the University of California, Santa Barbara in 2014, was the first "alt-right killer" to strike in recent years, according to a new report from the Southern Poverty Law Center. The report counts Rodger among 13 alleged alt-right killers whose actions left 43 people dead and more than 60 injured since 2014. A 2015 report by the sheriff's office revealed Rodger's research of Nazis, including some of the main architects of the Holocaust. The report does not mention the alt-right.

SOURCE: 6 February 2018, [Sacramento Bee](#)

(U) San Diego – 25 More Flu Deaths Bring Season Total to 231

(U) There have been more than two dozen influenza deaths and a spike in influenza B cases, according to the weekly report from the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Twenty-five people died from the flu as of 3 February, county officials said, bringing the total deaths this flu season in San Diego to 231. A third of the deaths involved people under the age of 65. The number of fatalities this flu season is the highest it has ever been for the county since officials began tracking flu-related deaths approximately 20 years ago.

SOURCE: 7 February 2018, [NBC San Diego](#)

(U) NATIONAL**(U) Connecticut – Police Seize \$300,000 Worth of Marijuana During Drug Bust**

(U) Manchester – Connecticut police have seized 70 pounds of marijuana with an estimated value of \$300,000 during a drug bust. Authorities have arrested a 24-year-old man and a 22-year-old woman on related drug charges. Police say the two would regularly travel to California, purchase marijuana and ship it back to Connecticut for distribution.

SOURCE: 7 February 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) District of Columbia – Small Number of States Voter Rolls ‘Successfully Penetrated’ by Russia

(U) Washington – A US cybersecurity official said yesterday that Russia "successfully penetrated" the voter rolls in a small number of states in 2016. Jeanette Manfra, the head of cybersecurity at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), said that Russia targeted 21 states and "an exceptionally small number of them were actually successfully penetrated." DHS previously notified the 21 states that Russia had attempted to hack their elections systems before the 2016 election.

SOURCE: 7 February 2018, [The Hill](#)

(U) District of Columbia – US Shuts Down Cyber Crime Ring Launched by Ukrainian

(U) Washington – The US Justice Department announced yesterday one of its largest-ever takedowns of a global cyber-crime ring. It indicted 36 people accused of trafficking stolen identities and causing more than \$530 million in losses to consumers. The cyber-crime network operating as an online discussion

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forum known as “Infraud” ran a sophisticated scheme that facilitated the purchase and sale of Social Security numbers, birthdays, and passwords that its members had stolen from people round the world.
SOURCE: 7 February 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) Minnesota – Woman Accused of Setting Fire Faces Terror Charge

(U) Minneapolis – A Minnesota woman accused of setting fires at a Minnesota university campus is now facing a terrorism charge. Nineteen-year-old Tnuza Jamal Hassan was charged yesterday in federal court with attempting to provide material support to al-Qa’ida, lying to the FBI and arson. She also faces a state arson charge. A federal indictment says she attempted to provide support to al-Qa’ida in September by trying to provide “personnel,” but details about the accusation are unclear. She’s also accused of lying about writing a letter in March to two fellow students that encouraged them to join jihad. Hassan is a former student at St. Catherine University in St. Paul. Prosecutors say she set several fires on campus in January because she was angry about US military actions overseas. No one was injured.

SOURCE: 7 February 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) United Arab Emirates – Bahrain Arrests Four in Pipeline Blast, Lays Blame on Iran**

(U) Dubai –Bahraini authorities say police have arrested four men suspected of being behind a blast that ripped through a state-run oil pipeline in November 2017. A statement by the Interior Ministry says two of those arrested received "intensive training" in Iranian Revolutionary Guard camps in Iran. No one was injured in the explosion near the Shiite village of Buri and no militant group immediately claimed the blast.

SOURCE: 7 February 2018, [ABC News](#)

(U) South Sudan – More Than 300 Child Soldiers Released in South Sudan

(U) Yambio – More than 300 child soldiers were released yesterday by armed groups in South Sudan, the second-largest such release since the civil war began five years ago. The "laying down of the guns" ceremony for 87 girls and 224 boys was the first step in a process that should see at least 700 child soldiers freed in the coming weeks, the United Nations said.

SOURCE: 7 February 2018, [ABC News](#)

(U) Israel – Terror Plot Foiled At Samaria Military Courthouse

(U) Jerusalem – A suspect was arrested yesterday afternoon when he attempted to infiltrate the West Bank’s Samaria Military Courthouse with a pipe bomb, marking the fourth such thwarted attack in recent months. No one was injured and the area was cordoned off while an explosive ordnance disposal team removed the device.

SOURCE: 7 February 2018, [Jerusalem Post](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**(U) California – US CBP Officers Seize 83 Pounds of Methamphetamine in Two Separate Events**

(U) Calexico – US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers working at the Calexico West port of entry seized 83 pounds of methamphetamine this week in two separate incidents. Both seizures involved methamphetamine being hidden within compartments inside the vehicle, one inside the doors and the other underneath the center console of the vehicle. Both drivers were turned over to the custody of Homeland Security Investigation agents for further processing and were transported to the

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Imperial County Jail where they currently await arraignment.

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